

with a big cob right where I must lie down. I am tied and can't select a smooth place.

Don't compel me to eat more salt than I want by mixing it with my oats. I know better than any other animal how much I need.

Don't think because I go free under the whip I don't get tired. You, too, would move up if under the whip.

Don't think because I am a horse, iron-weeds and briars won't hurt my hay.

Don't whip me when I get frightened along the road, or I will expect it next time and maybe make trouble.

Don't trot me up hill, for I have to carry you and the buggy and myself, too. Try it your self sometime; run up hill with a big load.

Don't keep my stable very dark, for when I go out into the light my eyes are injured, especially if snow be on the ground.

Don't say "whoa" unless you mean it. Teach me to stop at the word. It may check me if the lines break and save running away and a smash-up

## Sisters' S. C. E.

Hudson, Iowa

Dear sisters of the S. S. C. E.: It is not our intention to give a report of our society at this time. We are much interested in the sisters' work and will offer a few thoughts. Interesting reports are given thru the paper of work in different places. The financial part of the work furnishes encouraging reports. But, is it the object of the S. S. C. E. to think alone of temporal matters? We think this is a very small part of the work we ought to do. The spiritual side of the work, as in devotional meetings, etc., is what will count in eternity. How can we expect to succeed even, in a temporal way, in the Lord's work without asking his blessing? How can we expect to have that love in our hearts for each other that is Christ-like if we do not ask God to grant it? Prayer is talking to God. Can we be co-partners in his work without talking to him about it? We sometimes sing: "There is sunshine in my soul today." Dear sisters let us ask God to show us the difference between the blessed sunshine of heaven and the frivolous sunshine of the world. The thought of praying to God should not give his child either mental or physical pain. Let us make our S. S. C. E. meetings not only an industrial meeting to raise money to help carry on the Lord's work, but let us do more. Let us strive to become stronger spiritually. We will either grow or decline. While growing spiritually ourselves we may be instrumental in winning some soul to the Savior. Let us be truly sympathetic and loving. Let our love to our sisters be without hypocrisy. Let us be charitable to the erring one, yet not fail to give honor to whom honor is due. Let us not be envious, but let each one work in the line in which they are most fitted. Let us warn young people of the allurements of the social world.

Heaven help us to influence them to not only be church members, but to be temperate, true, chaste, and pure hearted. Young people are being led into sin while we are at ease in Zion. May God help our young sisters from taking steps that will either sear their conscience or cause them to look back with deep regret as long as they live. Sisters, we're a little band, but God is with us, we know. He is waiting to take us by the hand. Thus onward let us go. In his love.

MARY DIETZ.

Ashland, Ohio

The S. S. C. E. at present numbers thirty-four active, earnest workers. There is a continuous increase in our membership owing to families locating here who wish to avail themselves of the educational advantages. Many of the sisters themselves are doing work in the College, especially in the Bible department. While their husbands are taking the long courses preparatory to entering upon the active ministry, they, too, are enjoying the same opportunity of preparing for better and more effectual Christian work. They are seeking that enjoyment which is, at once, best in quality and infinite in quantity. And we trust that these will be men and women strong to do God's work, inflamed with the love of knowledge and the admiration of virtue, and filled with high hopes of living to be brave and noble.

Our society holds two regular meetings each month. On the first Thursday of the month we meet for work. At present we are piecing comforters which we shall sell to one of our members. We can not boast of the large sums of money earned by many of the societies in a year, but our expenditures often exceed our income. For when the treasury is empty we individually supply the needs. We have taken a pledge for the College, many of our members hold individual pledges for the Theological Chair, we have always given liberally to missions when the call came for help, we have taken a collection for the Superannuated Minister's Fund, on last Christmas we distributed Bibles among the poor children of our S. S., and very often the society has helped to meet the local expenses of the church.

On the first Sunday of the month, in the afternoon, we have devotional meeting conducted by a member of the society. These meetings are both helpful and interesting. Here the Christian workers can learn methods and gain valuable experience.

With hearts resolved and hands prepared to fulfil the trust committed unto us by the one Author and Founder of society, let us strive to crown this new year with blessings that have not been ours in former years. We need not attempt those things that are remote and difficult of success, for what is really best for us lies within our reach. In the lexicon of the S. S. C. E. let there be no such word as fail, remembering that whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well.

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## Our Young People

### THE PATHWAY TO PEACE

John 14:25-31; Isa. 26:3

Topic Feb. 9.

#### HOME READINGS

Mon. Feb. 3, Peace with God, Rom. 5:1-10.  
Tues. " 4, Peace with men, Luke 2:8-14.  
Wed. " 5, Peace with self, Phil. 4:4-9.  
Thurs. " 6, Making peace, Matt. 5:1-9.  
Fri. " 7, How peace comes, Rom. 12:16-21.  
Sat. " 8, How peace goes, Isa. 48:16-22.

Surely this is an attractive topic. Who does not want peace? All the world in all the ages has been seeking it. All manner of ways have been tried in the quest. Some have sought it by indulgence and some by self-denial; some by service and some by contemplation; some by their own efforts and some by faith. The philosophies of the world have failed alike to satisfy and men have turned from one to the other and have thought out new theories only to discover their insufficiency.

But there was One who said "In me ye shall have peace" and no one yet has come to him without finding his words correct. He is the way. His own life was filled with peace and to his disciples he has left this peace as a priceless heritage. Were it hidden in some mountain cleft men would search for it as for hidden gold but it is not there. Were it in the depths of the sea men would dredge for it as for pearls but it is not there.

The cross stands on Golgotha and the path of every life leads to it. At its foot is peace. But the broad way leads off to the world and alas how many there be that find it!

But what of the peace that the world offers? Let us see:

#### THE WORLD'S PEACE

- 1 Is apparent freedom yet in reality is bondage, II Peter 2:18, 19; Rom. 6:16.
  - 2 Is apparent pleasure but in reality is the stupor of death. Luke 12:19, 20; Rom. 6:23.
  - 3 Is apparent quiet but in reality is the lull before the storm of judgment. Jer. 6:13, 14.
  - 4 There is no fear of God in it now (Ps. 36:1), but there will be by and by. Luke 23:30.
  - 5 It is all false for there is no peace to the wicked. Isa. 57:21; Rom. 3:7.
- There cannot be with an accusing conscience Rom. 2:15, and a fearful looking forward. Heb. 10:26, 27.

#### THE PEACE THAT JESUS GIVES

- 1 The secret of Jesus' peace, John 14:10.
- 2 Obedience is also the secret of our peace. John 14:21; Isa. 40:31.
- 3 It is the fruit of the Spirit. Gal. 5:22; Rom. 14:17.
- 4 It passeth all understanding. Phil. 4:7.
- 5 It is freely offered to all. John 14:27; 16:33; Rev. 22:17.

#### OTHER GOOD VERSES FOR DISCUSSION

- 1 Ps. 119:165, The relation of Bible study to peace.
- 2 Ps. 37:37, Righteousness an essential condition of peace. Ps. 85:10.
- 3 Job. 22:21, Acquaintance with God brings peace.
- 4 Job. 5:23, Peace with God brings peace with all nature.
- 5 Heb. 12:11, The relation of suffering to peace.

#### QUESTIONS

- 1 What are some of the wrong ways in which men are seeking peace?
- 2 What are some things we must get out of the heart before peace will come in?